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Subject: FWS Response Re: Lynx Trapping
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To: jon@westernwatersheds.org
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Subject: FWS Response Re: Lynx Trapping

Dear Mr. Marvel,

Attached is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's correspondence regarding Incidental Lynx Trapping on Salmon-Challis National Forest. A paper copy of this letter is also in the mail to you. If you would like additional copies of the letter please contact me at 208-685-6950.



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Subject: Incidental Lynx Trapping on Salmon-Challis National Forest
In Reply Refer to: 01EIFW00-2012-TA-0156 Internal Use: COM-241a

Dear Mr. Marvel,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) appreciates your interest in the recent incidental trapping of a lynx on lands administered by the Salmon-Challis National Forest (Forest). Lands contained within the boundaries of the Forest have not met the definition of lynx occupancy. We would not expect the Forest nor Idaho Department of Fish and Game to seek Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance for a species assumed to be absent from an area and where critical habitat has not been identified.

Thank you for your interest in the conservation of lynx in Idaho. It should be noted that the lynx was released unharmed by IDFG, and valuable biological information was collected. If you would like further information please contact Russ Holder, Assistant State Supervisor at (208) 378-5384.

Sincerely,

for

Brian T. Kelly
State Supervisor

cc: IDFG, Boise (Moore, Gould)